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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Administrative Support Staff, DDS&T
SUBJECT : Military Personnel Positions, Reduction of
REFERENCE : OSA-2684-69 dated 1 Oct 69; Subject:
Military Personnel Requirements

1. A thorough review has been made of the functions, organizational structure, and personnel ceiling of OSA in an effort to identify positions, both military and civilian, which could be deleted now or at some future date without loss to our mission objectives. In making this review, we used as our basis the FY 1970 personnel ceiling of positions.

2. During the past few months new operational commitments have brought about a readjustment of the position structure of OSA which has pared this component down to a very austere level position-wise. Project has absorbed of the total positions which are involved in the position readjustment. One of these positions is applicable to more positions have been drained off from other units of OSA to support a C-130 aircraft which we have been requested to man. more positions have recently been transferred to to increase that complement to a level which can better manage the added demands of its greater scope of activity.

3. It is now evident that were we again required to undergo a reduction, specifically in our military personnel ceiling, operational functions would necessarily have to be eliminated. The support that we are able to devote, from a personnel manning standpoint, to each operational function has been reduced to such a fine point that a completely unsatisfactory product would unavoidably result with less

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25X1A people on the production line. As we see it now, the only future prospect for available positions from the OSA position structure appears to be from the possibility that the Air Force may absorb the function now being performed by [] communicators supporting Project Corona at [] If 25X1A this happens, it would most likely occur around August of 1970, thereby reducing [] ceiling positions.

25X1A 4. In the interest of covering all alternatives, our manpower review included a very extensive study of our support aircraft, the C-118 and the C-130, and what effect the elimination of one or both of these aircraft would have on OSA management. We found that although the savings in positions would be [] respectively, the extremely high cost of contracting for this type service overbalances the tax to our personnel ceiling by a prohibitive margin. We must, therefore, recommend against this consideration.

5. In view of the above, it is requested that the military and civilian personnel ceiling of this Office not be considered for further reduction at this time.

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